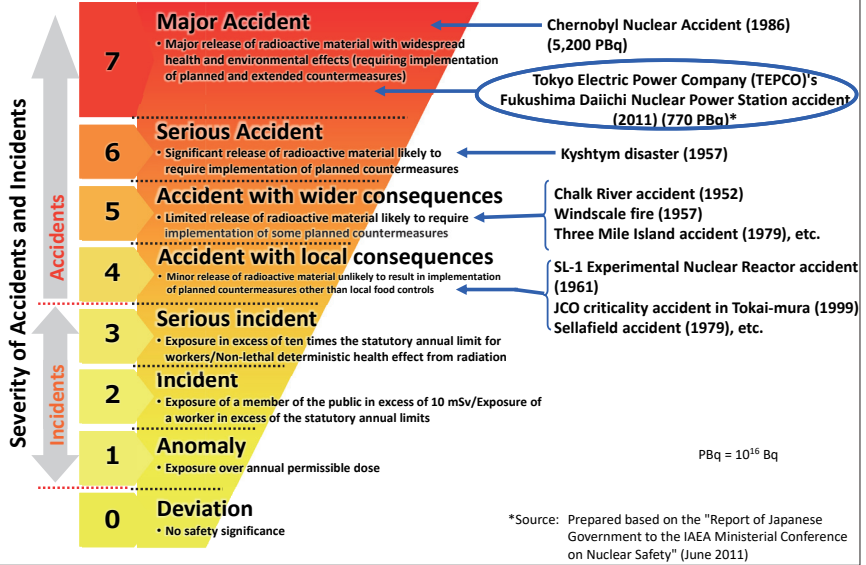


# International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale



The International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES) was established by the INES (the International Atomic Energy Agency) and the OECD/NEA (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development/Nuclear Energy Agency), and in 1992, all countries were recommended to formally adopt it.

Incidents and accidents at nuclear facilities are divided into seven categories according to their severity. Each country determines the severity of incidents or accidents using this scale and announces the results.

The accident at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi NPS was provisionally rated Level 7, indicating that it was the most serious accident because of the amount of radioactive materials released.

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